

**FIRE-RESCUE FACILITIES BOND ISSUE
BLUE RIBBON COMMITTEE MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING**

City of Fort Lauderdale
100 North Andrews Avenue
8th Floor Conference Room
Fort Lauderdale, Florida, 33301
December 18, 2008 - 6:00 p.m.

Board Member	Attendance	1/2008 through 12/2008 Cumulative Attendance	
		P	A
Thornie Jarrett, Chair	P	9	0
Dianne Shuler, Vice Chair	P	7	2
Don Bastedo	A	8	1
Mary Graham [6:12]	P	6	3
Steve Kirsch	P	9	0
Allan Kozich	A	7	2
Delores McKinley	P	7	1
Patrick McTigue	P	9	0
Douglas Ruth	P	9	0
Norman Thabit	P	9	0

Staff

Eric Pologruto, Battalion Chief
Frank Snedaker, City Architect
Albert Carbon, Director Public Works Department
J. Opperee, ProtoType Services Recording Clerk

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Chairman Jarrett called the meeting of the Fire-Rescue Bond Blue Ribbon Committee to order at 6:05 p.m.

2. Approval of Minutes: October 2008

Ms. McKinley noted an error on page three. Mr. Snedaker was present at the meeting but was not listed in attendance.

Motion made by Mr. Thabit, seconded by Mr. McTigue, to approve the minutes of the Board's October 2008 meeting as amended. Upon voice vote, motion passed unanimously.

Chair Jarrett introduced Battalion Chief Eric Pologruto, who would replace Chief Bacic as the Board's liaison. Chief Pologruto reported he would be in communication with Chief Bacic regarding the Fire Station projects.

3. Staff Liaison Report

Construction

Station 47

Mr. Carbon reported WaterWorks 2011 was completing the sewer line, so the fence was not yet finished. Everything associated with Fire Bond expenses, except for 12-month warranty item inspections, was finished and the contractor had been paid in full.

Mr. Thabit noticed that on the financial report, the hard costs per square foot were listed as \$274.97, and he asked if the soft costs should be included. Mr. Carbon noted soft costs were stated elsewhere in the report, and adding them to total expenses would bring the cost per square foot to approximately \$350.

[Ms. Graham arrived at 6:12]

Station 53

Mr. Carbon reported Station 53 was closed out.

Mr. Kirsch calculated that the total cost per square foot for Station 53 was approximately \$380.

Ms. Graham pointed out that any owner-furnished items that were installed by the GC or a subcontractor were hard costs, and to do any "creative accounting" by putting anything that was an element of the building in soft costs was not normal practice. A separate column could be added to the financial report under hard costs for owner-purchased items. Ms. Graham explained that this was done to prevent the contractor from making his overhead in profit. She stated she would send an email to John Herbst, City Auditor, regarding this.

Station 29

Mr. Carbon informed the Board that Station 29 had a clean site. Demolition was complete and they were awaiting final signoff of the demolition permit. Construction was due to begin on January 5, 2009 and the contractor would utilize a portion of the Singer building instead of a construction trailer.

Mr. Carbon stated the Notice to Proceed had been issued and occupancy was anticipated in 2010. They would turn the station over to the Fire Department in

November 2009; after approximately six weeks of electronics work, the building should be occupied before the first of the year 2010.

Design

Station 49

Mr. Carbon said Station 49 bids are due January 14, 2009, and would be awarded February 3, 2009. The temporary station was in place and should be ready by the time the contractor was ready.

Mr. Kirsch asked about Sherman Whitmore's proposal. Mr. Carbon said Mr. Whitmore had made his proposal to the City Commission and they had decided not to pursue it. Mr. Kirsch felt that the City should work with Mr. Whitmore, since he was willing build a fire station at little or no cost to the City.

Mr. Carbon stated the projected construction cost for Station 49 was just over \$3 million. This would be a two-bay station that would accommodate more personnel.

Ms. Graham found it difficult to believe that Mr. Whitmore could not afford legal representation that would have helped him sell his proposal to the City. She felt that the right attorney could have worked with the City Manager to get his proposal considered. Mr. Snedaker reminded everyone that the City Attorney had determined that they could not touch that property, but Mr. Whitmore disagreed with this.

Station 3

Mr. Snedaker reported they had received the DEP permit that day; they already had the surface water permit; the plat was recorded the previous week and final DRC approval had occurred that week. They anticipated advertising the next week. Bids would be received by January 28 and awarded at the second City Commission meeting in February.

Preliminary Design

Station 35

Mr. Carbon stated they had received the appraisals for the Commercial Boulevard and 18th Terrace property. He explained that the same entity owned almost the entire block from the east side of the fire station to 20th Street. The plan was to build a new station where the old station had been, plus the property to the west, which was currently occupied by an office building. In exchange for these two properties, the City would grant the owner the current fire station property. The difference between the appraisals for the fire station and the two properties was \$90,000 in the church's favor. Mr. Carbon explained that the City would pay the church the \$90,000 and the church would lease

one of the properties to the Fire Department for a temporary station at a rate of \$4,000 per month during construction. He noted the church had been leasing this property to a day care center and another church. For 24 months, the total cost for the temporary station should be \$230,000.

Mr. Carbon continued that Pastor Dan was agreeable to this arrangement and would present this to his Board, and Mr. Carbon would present this to the City Commission in January. If all was approved, the church would be ready to vacate the two buildings on September 1, 2009. According to the current design schedule, the station would be in the permit process as of September 1. They would need to demolish the buildings and then construction could begin. Mr. Carbon informed Chair Jarrett that they had already negotiated with the church to have sufficient on-site parking.

Station 46

Mr. Carbon announced they had submitted for the County Planning Council, who had not set a date yet for their next meeting, but he anticipated it would be in March.

Station 13

Mr. Carbon had received an email from the State Parks representatives indicating an answer was pending and he had forwarded this to Jack Seiler.

Station 54

Mr. Carbon reported they were awaiting the appraisals, which they should receive that week. Once these were in, they would begin discussions with Opus. He noted things looked very positive at the moment. Mr. Carbon confirmed for Chair Jarrett that this proposal involved a land swap, and they would construct a new station on the new land and still use the old station.

Chair Jarrett asked Mr. Carbon how long the negotiation process would take, and after explaining the process for Station 35, Mr. Carbon said he hoped the process for Station 54 would progress the same way.

Station 8

Mr. Carbon stated there was no progress on Station 8 at present.

Mr. McTigue suggested investigating the Wachovia Bank property on the corner of Andrews Avenue and Seventeenth Street on the west side of the hospital.

4. Member Discussion Items

Mr. Carbon informed the Board that he had taken a City-wide tour of stations with three Congressional aides and one of Senator Bill Nelson's aides. They had toured Station

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47 to show how the Bond fund was being spent. They had also visited Station 49, and he explained that these two stations would be included in the package the City would submit for an infrastructure incentive.

Mr. Carbon thanked all members for their work on the Board.

5. Adjournment

Next regular meeting: January 15, 2009

With no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 7:01 p.m.

Attachments:

Financial Report

Minutes – October 16, 2008

Fire Station Monthly Reports

Program schedule

[Minutes prepared by J. Oppert, Prototype, Inc.]